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Neumann Report: "eminent danger" and "catastrophic failure" possible

LUKE SHANNO EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

There are approximately 55 "hazards" that need to be addressed in Neumann Auditorium, including wear patterns on high voltage lines that represent "eminent danger of fire or electrical discharge," according to a study commissioned by college administrators.

Other issues cited in the study include outdated hardware that supports orchestra clouds, which are panels mounted in the ceiling of the auditorium to maximize sound quality. The report stated that some of the hardware has been discontinued in theatres throughout the country for approximately 20 years due to metal fatigue and failure suffered over time.

According to the study, some of the outdated clips in use are ones "that most dog owners won't use to secure a large size dog."

There is abnormal wear on aircraft cables as part of the

linesets, which are the rigging systems used to raise and lower scenery, curtains and stage elements. The report stated that "it is only a matter of time before there is a catastrophic failure of a lineset."

The consultant recommended replacing the rigging system and added "This will require architectural and engineering consultation to determine if the existing structure can handle the load and stresses that it would introduce to the building."

The study repeatedly mentioned issues with the catwalk system above the auditorium because of the lack of safety rails or knee rails and noted the catwalk is suspended from the same type of suspension system that holds up the ceiling.

The inspector suggested rebuilding the catwalks and supporting them independently from the ceiling as well as adding approved safety rails. The report notes that these steps

will require engineering and architectural consulting.

Vice President for Enrollment Management Edie Waldstein and Director of Information Technology Services, the department that oversees Neumann Auditorium, Gary Wipperman would not comment on specifics in the report but Waldstein said, "There is no way that Wartburg would make a decision about Neumann or anything else that would put anyone in eminent danger."

The consultant, Mark Parrot, a designer and instructor in the theatre department at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, declined to comment on the evaluation of Neumann Auditorium and referred questions to college administrators responsible for the facility.

Waldstein said the study was solicited as part of the college's normal operational routine.

"We do on a regular, but not frequent basis, ask that

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Number of students returning to Wartburg drops

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Fall retention fell three percent this year, making it the second lowest rate in the last 10 years, according to a retention report released by the enrollment management office.

The fall retention is at 83.1 percent this year, compared to last year's rate of 86.2 percent. The lowest retention rate in the last 10 years was 82.8 percent in 2006.

Retention is the number of students who choose to return to Wartburg.

"It's down from last year, but it's pretty comparable to recent history," Vice President of Enrollment Management, Edith Waldstein said.

The greatest factor affecting this year's retention was first-year men, Waldstein said. The retention rate of first-year men dropped 10 percent compared to last year's rate, while the retention of first-year women only decreased about two percent.

"Men, in general, are retained at a significantly lower rate than women. ... but why Wartburg's retention in men was down, even from what we normally are, I don't know," Waldstein said.

The retention rate for male student athletes increased compared to previous years.

"It really does support what a lot of

the retention research...shows and that is if you have a community with which you can identify and with whom you bond, you have a much better chance of dealing with things," Waldstein said. Waldstein said she hoped to build on last year's retention rate, but is satisfied with Wartburg's retention.

"Our retention should go up next year; we've recruited a very strong first-year class," Waldstein said.

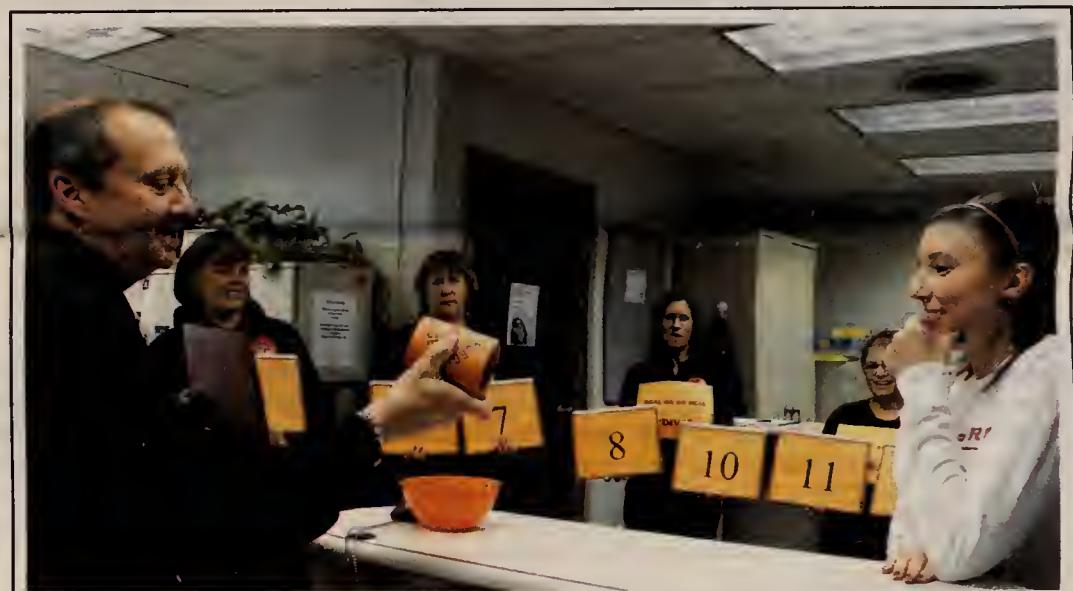
Rising tuition could be one reason why some students choose to leave Wartburg, she said. Thirty-eight students cited financial reasons for not returning to Wartburg, which is 16 more students than last year.

The number of students taking a leave of absence has also increased. In 2004 there were only seven leaves of absence, while this year 21 students are taking a leave of absence.

"There are more students...coming to college with health issues," Waldstein said, "and if those become too challenging they stop out for awhile to get those under control."

Although it is the second-lowest rate in the past 10 years, Waldstein said the as the number of students increase, it makes it more difficult to retain a greater percentage.

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The controller's office hosted "Deal or No Deal" on Halloween. Students could play at certain times during the day and attempt to win prizes. Gary Wipperman was the host for the game.

Green laser follows students at night leaving them concerned, annoyed

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A handful of Wartburg students, including several single women, have experienced a green laser light following them as they walked to and from campus at night.

On Oct. 16, student Meghan Pedersen left Vogel Library at 11 p.m. and was walking to her off-campus house when she noticed a green laser on the ground in front of her on First Avenue.

"I ran the rest of the way home. I was scared because I had heard all the hype about it from friends and roommates who had seen it," Pedersen said.

This was the second time Pedersen had been followed by a green laser. On Sept. 13, Pedersen and student Ashley Bowden were leaving Pedersen's house when they noticed a

green laser swirling around on the hood of Bowden's vehicle.

"It was coming from somewhere high. I thought it was from a police helicopter or something," Bowden said.

This incident came just days after Pedersen's housemate came home worried because a green laser had followed her for several blocks.

"We figured it was just someone messing around, but it was making us nervous when we'd walk home alone at night," Pedersen said.

One student, who wished to remain anonymous, was concerned enough to contact the police after the laser followed her home one night.

Captain Jason Leonard of the Waverly Police Department said while he had not heard of any recent incidents, these occurrences are not uncom-

mon.

"Reports of lasers used to be quite numerous, especially two to four years back when laser pointers became popular," Leonard said.

The problem with lasers, said Leonard, is that they can be mistaken as a targeting system for weapons.

Stalking citizens with a laser can be considered harassment if it causes alarm. This can even escalate to a disorderly conduct charge, Leonard said.

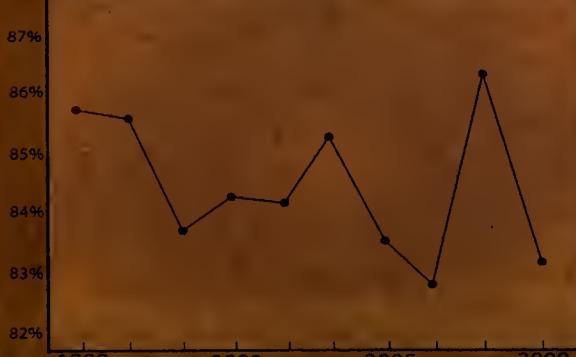
Instead of being alarmed, student Kyle Vowell was annoyed with his green laser experience.

"A group of us were walking in the roundabout when this green light started shining right on us. It was pretty bright and followed us at least 30 yards," Vowell said.

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Retention Rates

From Past 10 Years



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NEWS

Academic schedule allows for longer Thanksgiving break

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Students have a whole week off for Thanksgiving this year in order to meet scheduling requirements, Vice President for Academic Affairs Ferol Menzel said.

The academic calendar is based on a set of requirements established by the Educational Policies Committee (EPC). However, Menzel said students will not have a week off at Thanksgiving next year because of the calendar cycle.

"This is not likely to happen again in the next decade," Menzel said.

There must be 64 class days and four final exam days during fall term, Menzel said. Christmas with Wartburg must also fall the week after Thanksgiving and the week before finals. The school year must also start after Labor Day, Menzel said. However, faculty and students discussed starting classes before Labor Day five years ago.

"The decision was made to keep the schedule that has provided students with unique opportunities, such as Tour Week and May Term," Menzel said.

The academic calendar is put together every two years by Menzel. After Menzel puts the calendar together, it is reviewed by the EPC who makes recommendations as necessary. Then, the President's cabinet approves the final schedule.

Becca Norton said she's glad Thanksgiving Break is a week long, because she hopes to get more work done. She's graduating in December and won't have a Christmas Break.

Norton also said she wishes it had been a week long in the past.

"It seems like you spend more time in the car and less time relaxing," Norton said.

Amy Tucker also said she will enjoy the extra time off and is glad she will have more time to prepare for finals. However, Tucker is in Wartburg Choir and said the extra time off will make rehearsals difficult.

"We have rehearsals and performances the entire week we get back from break, so it will be a challenge this year to stay completely focused and prepared," Tucker said.

Tucker said she isn't disappointed Thanksgiving Break will not be a week long next year.

"I'm just glad we get some sort of break," Tucker said.

Fall Term will end on Wednesday, Dec. 10, while Thursday, Dec. 11 will serve as a study day.

"I promised students a number of years ago that we would never end class and go right into finals the next day," Menzel said. "We did that once in the time that I've been here, and it created quite a bit of stress on students."

Finals will start Friday, Dec. 12, continue on Monday, Dec. 15 and end Wednesday, Dec. 17.

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Paul Torkelson directs the Wartburg Choir during a rehearsal last year. Torkelson directed at Wartburg for 25 years, but will now be working at Carnegie Hall.

Torkelson to continue work in New York

RACHEL BEGLE STAFF WRITER

Paul Torkelson has decided to retire from Wartburg after 25 years with the Wartburg Choir and continue working in New York with MidAmerica Productions.

Last year, Torkelson announced he would take a one-year leave of absence during the 2008-09 academic year. Torkelson has been working at MidAmerica Productions in New York City. He has been arranging and conducting concerts at Carnegie Hall.

Torkelson will also be the chorus master for operatic performances at the Festival of Aegean next July in Greece.

Karen Black, chair of the music department, said she was surprised, but not shocked with Torkelson's retirement.

"He is still young, and could still have done much for the Wartburg choirs," Black said.

Torkelson does, however, plan to direct the All-State Summer Music Camp in August and also conduct some individual and group vocal lessons throughout the year.

During Torkelson's time at Wartburg, he also conducted the Wartburg Meistersinger Honor Choir, the Meistersinger All State Music Camps, the Metropolitan Chorale and the Chancel Choir at Zion Lutheran Church.

In a farewell note to the Wartburg choirs and community, Torkelson said, "As I announce my retirement, I do so with a deep sense of gratitude and satisfaction for being able to

serve my alma mater in such a personal and meaningful manner."

Dean of Faculty Ferol Menzel said she is appreciative for all Torkelson did.

"We are extremely grateful for the leadership, energy, and musicality that he brought to the college," Menzel said.

Weston Noble, professor emeritus from Luther College, has been filling in for Torkelson this year, but will not continue to do so in the future.

The search for a new choir director has already begun. Black is not worried about finding a qualified replacement.

"Because of Dr. Torkelson's work and the work of others in the department, Wartburg Choir has come to be nationally recognized for its excellence," Black said.

Applicants have already contacted Wartburg about the open position.

"The students and choir can only build on what Dr. Torkelson has taught them. Wartburg will be able to move on," Black said.

Torkelson graduated from Wartburg in 1976, was the Wartburg Choir director for almost 25 years and the Ritterchor director for the past six years.

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Third-party consultants used regularly; review process takes work, time

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somebody who has expertise in production management and the maintenance and renovation of production facilities come in and give us their perspective on it," Waldstein said.

The college goes to some trouble to hire somebody with

proper qualification and expertise in the area, Waldstein said. The report is viewed simply as a report for the college to do with as they wish.

The report is the inspector's perspective, and the college administrators evaluate the report and determine how it is going

to affect the college's planning and actions, if at all, Waldstein said.

"It's really pretty easy to go out and get three or two consultations that would come back and give you totally different answers as to what to do," Wipperman said.

There are roughly 55 unique items cited in the report, while some items are referenced multiple times. In total, there are 101 individual "observed hazards" with photos in the report.

Many issues in the report are of a smaller significance as they are minor replacements or repairs.

Some issues mentioned in the report have been taken care of, according to information provided by Waldstein and Wipperman. However, it is not clear when the changes were made in relation to the completion of the report.

"There's been some work done in the catwalk area in particular to improve structural integrity of the catwalk and add some additional safety features up there," Wipperman

said. "We've done some of the aircraft cable that actually lifts some of the gear and some of the weights. Some of that has already been replaced." Wipperman also said that ITS received allocations to the budget that were used to replace some of the hooks and latches that are in need of replacement.

Waldstein said this type of report is fairly common in all college departments.

"It is just a best practice to periodically have someone else who is not here and used to things all the time, to get a third-party perspective on your operation," Waldstein said.

The process of reviewing a report such as this is an extensive process.

When the proper administrators receive the reports from consultants, the director of that department will read it first. They, then, consult with their staff and anyone else that they find appropriate to have review the evaluations and recommendations, Waldstein said.

"Then they would come to some conclusions about what

they agree with, what they disagree with, what they don't care about, what's significant, what's relevant, and then how does that match with current operations and current budget or future budget if we need to be planning for the future," Waldstein said.

The director would share their evaluation of a consultant's report with proper administrators and they would further discuss and refine the evaluation in terms of what the college's reaction is going to be and how it will be integrated into strategic planning, Waldstein explained.

Neumann Auditorium has had many changes throughout its nearly 50-year existence.

Upgrades to the 1400-seat auditorium in recent years include audio and lighting upgrades, including new speakers and some computer-controlled lighting systems, as well as the replacement and redesign of the seating area.

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Winter Break, Tour Week service trips announced

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Michigan, Arkansas, Texas, California, Utah and Ohio are just a few places Wartburg service trips are going this year.

There are 13 Winter Break trips and one Tour Week trip planned, each with various focuses like poverty, children's health and Gulf Coast relief.

"This year we have several environmental-focused trips that are being planned," service-learning coordinator Renee Sedlacek said.

Many students participate in service trips and a lot of them end up leading one as well.

"We have a very strong leadership team and they have set some very lofty goals and have some really creative ideas for how to achieve those goals," Sedlacek said.

One Tour Week trip has been planned so far and more will possibly be added, as Tour Week gets closer.

"We wanted to give students who can't commit to a Winter Break an opportunity to be a part of the process by signing up for a Tour Week trip," Sedlacek said.

Several students went on service trips to Oskaloosa and Cedar Rapids during fall break.

Hyerim Stuhr and Luann Cooper led the group to Oskaloosa where they worked with Habitat for Humanity on reconstructing a

home.

"The trip was very successful. We got all the dry walling done that needed to be done and we were in the middle of mudding when we left," Stuhr said.

The group managed to get a lot accomplished in the three days they were in Oskaloosa, Stuhr said.

The second service trip went to Cedar Rapids, and helped with the ongoing clean-up efforts of the flooding that occurred this summer. The trip was led by Mara Groom and Ben Brannaman.

The group worked to muck, gut and winterize affected houses.

Executive board president Nate Palmolea feels that having participated in service trips has helped him find his calling in life.

"I've always wanted to be a doctor, and shadowing a physician in East St. Louis, Ill. I realized I would like to work in an underprivileged area," Palmolea said.

Additionally, Palmolea feels there are other benefits from participating in a service trip.

"Serving is a great way to put the Wartburg mission into action," Palmolea said.

To learn more about the service trips, check out the service trip Web site at <http://www.wartburg.edu/servicetrips>.

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People being more cautious at night due to green laser

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"Whoever is doing it is pretty stupid."

According to www.greenlaserbeam.com "it's beam is so strong, rescuers and search personnel could spot you from two miles away."

Green lasers are significantly brighter and more powerful than their red counterparts, with a beam about 60 times stronger than that of red lasers.

Wartburg security officer Glade Mogle has also seen the green laser while outside of his house.

Mogle saw a green laser following a group of people behind Family Video.

The laser was coming from a second story window on First Avenue, Mogle said.

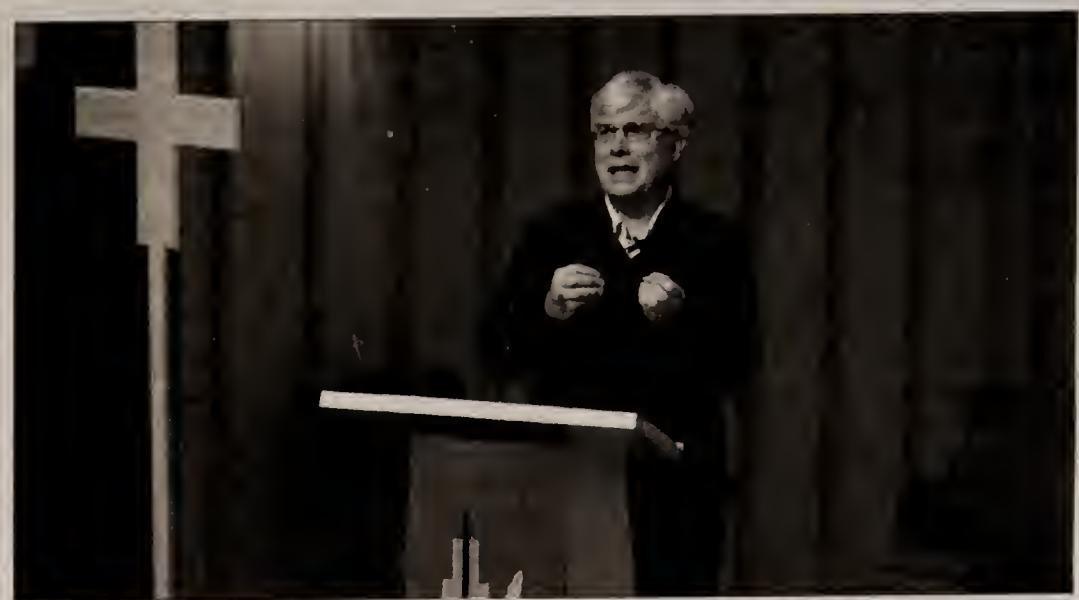
Mogle stressed that for someone with a background in weapons, lasers are not something to be taken lightly.

"My housemates and I try to walk together or drive at night," said Pedersen. "Sometimes I even go out of my way and walk down Bremer Avenue with my cell phone ready and my keys in hand."

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Rev. Dr. David Miller tells a story during the last faith task force convocation Thursday night.

Miller presents final faith task event

ELLEN KURT ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Rev. Dr. David Miller shared stories of his travels during the last convocation put on by the faith task force on Thursday night.

Miller is the former editor of the Lutheran Magazine.

"Dr. Miller was not an editor that just sat at his desk, he was out being a photo journalist. He did a lot of traveling and experienced all parts of the world," Head of the faith task force Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans said.

That is one of the reasons that the faith task force decided to bring him here, she said. They also thought that it would be an interesting way to end the faith part of the Commission on Mission convocations.

"The others have been more lecture-based, so we thought, with the mix of music and stories, it would be neat to end with something a little more festive and celebrating feelings and stories of grace as well as thoughts of faith," Kleinhans said.

Miller's stories, a performance by Psalm 149 and music performed by various music groups on the Wartburg campus were intertwined into the worship service.

Nate Maldonado began the service with a poem entitled "Search for Truth." Then, Dr. Miller told a story about how

he always had to chase his dog, and he compared it to how there is always more with God. The chase for the truth never ends, Miller said.

When he was editor of the Lutheran Magazine, he put a picture of a child from Sudan with a disease where flies were laying eggs in his eye on the cover. This caused commotion from people saying that they wanted the magazine to be uplifting.

"This cover was looked at in the wrong way," Kleinhans said, "People just don't want to see that pain that others are experiencing."

That goes along with one of the themes that the faith task force was trying to present throughout all of the convocations in this first semester.

That theme is encouraging students to look at the community of faith and how they practice faith rather than just how the student practices their faith, Kleinhans said.

"Listening to stories in other contexts and religions helps us to take seriously the fact that other people's faith and how they express it can be legitimate, even though it's different from my faith and how I would express it," Kleinhans said.

Faith is usually thought of in terms of religion classes and chapel services but what more

could there be, Kleinhans said.

The other task forces are using the same method of how their section of the mission statement can not only be seen in the classroom, but also through other things like service and around campus.

President William Hamm said the faith task force's work has been good.

"I think all of the individual events, most of which I've been able to attend, have been successful and well attended and have contributed to the ability of the various task forces to do their work," Hamm said.

Kleinhans agreed, and she is pleased with the events. She said students are learning interesting things, but there are always things that can be done better.

"That's kind of the fun process, because we're on the brink of 'so what?' In the sense of 'so what do we do with (all of the information from the task forces) to improve?'"

Kleinhans said that they will meet sometime this week and discuss how things can be changed for next year's faith task force convocations.

The next pillar of the mission statement that will be emphasized is service. This will begin in winter term.

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Wartburg takes part in virtual college fair

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Prospective students have the opportunity to visit Wartburg College without setting foot on campus Nov. 12 and 13 because the college will be participating in College Week Live Fair.

This will be Wartburg's second year participating in the online college fair.

"This is an opportunity to reach a greater audience and get the college out there," Todd Coleman, assistant vice president for admissions, said.

The College Week Live Web site allows prospective students to browse among different colleges and go to the college's "booth." At the booth there is an opportunity for live chatting with an admissions counselor. There is also a direct link to the college's Web site.

There are more than 200 colleges involved in this

year's fair. Last year, Wartburg was the only Iowa private college to participate. This year, however, Grinnell and Mount Mercy will also participate.

Prospective students will have the opportunity to chat live with an admissions counselor on both days and on Nov. 13 a current Wartburg student will be available to chat.

"We don't have admission counselors all over the country so this gives us an opportunity to reach a wide variety of regions," Coleman said.

Wartburg sent e-mails to approximately 50,000 students and 18,000 alumni. E-mails were also sent out to all high schools.

The college received 180 leads from the fair last year.

"This year we hope to reach the same as last year if not higher," Coleman said.

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NEWS

Young candidates vie for spot in House of Representatives

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The person elected to the Iowa House of Representatives from the 17th district Tuesday will be one of the youngest members.

Pat Grassley (R) is the incumbent and his challenger is Cayla Baresel (D).

Grassley and Baresel think their age will be good for Iowa.

"My grandpa when he first started running, he represented the same district I have. He was younger than me the first time he ran and I think he's done all right for himself. We need to encourage young people to get involved," Grassley said.

Grassley is the 25-year-old grandson of U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley.

Baresel, 23, is a 2007 graduate of Wartburg College.

"I am very hard working and have a great voice to be heard in Des Moines. Hopefully it will help the young people out there want to get involved a little bit more," Baresel said.

Grassley has been working with families since this summer's disasters.

"I've helped a lot of people with insurance. Some of the insurance companies were being very difficult in cases where they shouldn't have been

and we got a lot of those straightened out," Grassley said.

Baresel's top priority is healthcare; she pushed the issue while working with the Hilary Clinton campaign.

Baresel said she knows how important health care is because she hasn't always had health insurance. Baresel does have insurance now through her work, but said health care is expensive.

She also said college is expensive.

"I am a young college graduate and I know first hand the costs of education. We need to make sure college remains affordable for people that want to come to college," Baresel said.

Education is also an important issue for Grassley. He wants to encourage good teachers by paying the best teachers more. Grassley thinks 60 percent of education dollars should be spent in the classroom.

Grassley supports the marriage protection amendment. He believes marriage should be defined as a union of one man and one woman. He is also pro-life and said he will defend those that cannot defend themselves.

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Alums find job market difficult

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As the economy crisis continues, Wartburg graduates face another problem. The job market has become limited in its hiring and some graduates are unable to find work.

Shantel Leary graduated last year with a major in Spanish and intercultural studies. She found the job market to be surprisingly difficult.

"I've applied for over 200 jobs in non-profit and human rights organizations all over the world," Leary said.

Leary is now working at a non-profit organization in Waterloo.

"They had been wanting me to work with them for sometime. It got to the point after six months of job searching that I had to stop putting some jobs on the back burner and settle with one," Leary said.

Derek Solheim, assistant director of Pathways career service, has been working with students to help them plan for their lives after Wartburg.

"We educate students about the process of getting a job after college, getting into a graduate school or even service work," Solheim said.

Solheim said one important thing for students to think about is what they are doing to compliment academic course work, like holding a leadership position or participating

in extra-curricular groups. He also said prospective employers look for well-rounded individuals.

Andrea Morris obtained a job shortly after graduating in social services, dealing with mentally handicapped individuals. She left her job on Sept. 24 and was shocked to find nearly all of the full-time positions in her field had been filled.

"I think there are so many people fighting for a job in my field because it has a small skill set that is required, and they're having a lot more difficulty finding a job in their own field," Morris said. Morris recently obtained a full-time job.

Solheim said students graduating in May should start their job search now.

"All they need to do is set aside some time each week to start networking with Alumni."

"Students need to not become discouraged when an employer says 'no.' They only need the one person that says 'yes,' and that may take 20 rejections to get to," Solheim said.

There will be a series of seminars starting Nov. 7 discussing what Wartburg can do to help graduates, including what programs should be implemented second semester.

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Concert brings Hawaiian music to Wartburg

AMANDA GAHLER STAFF WRITER

The Rose Ensemble performed the sights and sounds of Hawai'i in Neumann Auditorium Tuesday evening, as part of Wartburg College's Artist Series.

Though their Wartburg show was Hawaiian, The Rose Ensemble presents a wide array of early musical and cultural programs.

Early music, classified by the group as before 1750, is the main emphasis, bass and ipuheke player Tim O'Brien said.

Myrna Culbertson, director of the Artist Series, thought the show was a success.

"They were excellent. The blending of their voices was wonderful and enchanting," Culbertson said.

Students also attended the performance and enjoyed the show.

"I went to this program not knowing what to expect," Reid Keller said. "I was pleasantly surprised by learning about both the music and the culture, along with the history that goes with it. I was delighted by their performance."

Jordan Sramek, tenor and artistic director, founded The Rose Ensemble, because he has always been interested in early music.

The group aims to educate their audiences through cultural performances primarily focused on music.

Sramek said the Hawaiian music they perform is rarely heard in Hawai'i today. The group took a week-long trip to this group of Pacific Islands to research this program, taking a look back into the history of the culture and the language in order to share it in a creative way with others.

Bitterman said their love of music is what motivates the ensemble most. The group members also noted they learn something new with each show they do.

The program opened with John Bitterman, bass, blowing into a conch shell.

The group performed barefoot, wearing floral



Brittany Feagans/ TRUMPET

The Rose Ensemble performed Hawaiian music at Tuesday's Artist Series event. The group also performs concerts featuring other cultures, including: Irish, Swedish, Renaissance, Middle Eastern and Moroccan cultures.

clothing, flowers and chunky necklaces. The program alternated between solos and group selections, combining chants, singing and dancing. At times, voices were accompanied by various traditional drums, piano, upright bass, guitar and a ukulele.

"There has never been a show where an audience member has not mentioned to me that they have walked away after learning something from us. We bring enlightenment to audience members," alto Lisa Drew said.

While in Waverly, the group also led a workshop with the Waverly-Shell Rock Chamber Ensemble at the high school.

Next on the Artist Series is The National Acrobats of China, who will perform in Neumann Auditorium on Feb. 5, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

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ELCA colleges finish strategic planning projects

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While Wartburg College's Commission on Mission re-examines the college's mission statement, other Lutheran colleges in Iowa have recently finished large projects of their own.

Luther College and Waldorf College conducted large strategic planning projects within the last decade, each with its own focus.

Luther's strategic plan involved nine task groups aimed at a different part of the Luther experience and was also driven by the college's mission statement.

"[Our vision] gives the college focus, energy, and a willingness to take risks in the interest of creating a better and stronger place," Luther President Richard Torgerson said in the college's report.

Luther's strategic plan was launched in April 2000 and the report was released in 2002 right after the college's 140-year anniversary. The timing of reports such as Luther's is often deliberate.

"A lot of schools tend to have conversations around milestone years," Faith Task Force co-chair

Kathryn Kleinhans said. "Our 150-year anniversary had Commission Wartburg and different goals, particularly facilities. Now that we've done this planning, we've kept our mission front and center."

Commission on Mission co-chair Lake Lambert said Luther's report was expected to carry through for the next eight to 10 years.

Waldorf's report, last revised in November 2003, focused more on its core curriculum, examining 11 different aspects of how Waldorf students are educated and what is expected of them by graduation.

"All colleges and universities are in a constant planning process," Lambert said. "They're all either getting ready to plan or they're already planning."

Each of the four task forces on the Commission on Mission is co-chaired by a board of regents member and a Wartburg faculty member, and consists of a mix of students, alumni and faculty involved.

"There hasn't been some gaping hole somewhere, but what's

exciting is bringing a bunch of different perspectives to the table," Kleinhans said. "It's not just religion professors talking about faith and education professors talking about learning. It gives us the potential to see things that maybe we just haven't noticed."

The Faith Task Force will take on such issues as how faith connects to leadership and service, and whether Wartburg's expression of faith has implications on students' behavior.

Kleinhans also said once Wartburg's report is released, the commission hopes to answer a wide range of questions about Wartburg's future.

"We know that learning doesn't happen just in the classroom," Kleinhans said. "Each task force is taking their theme and taking a 360-degree scan of what's going on at Wartburg, what are we doing well, where are we making connections and are there connections that we're not making but that we'd be fruitful to make."

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Editorial: Student media plans for big election coverage

Election day will finally happen on Tuesday and our student media outlets are preparing for this significant event.

We're praising the effort of Wartburg Television, which is going all out to cover the '08 Election.

Natalie Tendall, the station manager for Wartburg Television, said they have a lot of things going on for Tuesday night.

A student panel will take part in the coverage. Plus there will be interviews with local candidates.

"We really are using technology quite a bit in this year's election coverage to bring the public information from remote locations in a way that is popular to many," Tendall said.

Wartburg Television's election night coverage will begin at 6 p.m.

They will lead with a live half hour introduction and have updates at the top of every hour, ending with a live results show, starting at 10 p.m.

Tendall said crews will be reporting live results via iChat in Waverly, Waterloo and Des

Moines.

A live Web feed will coincide with the coverage on WTV. A live online chat will be available for students to take part in. It will be a part of a joint blog with The Circuit.

Tendall said students can ask questions and share any information on the web that they might come across.

Other stations, both local and national, will be giving their all-out effort to inform viewers. It will certainly be no different for WTV.

They are using their available resources to really make this an excellent night. We are excited for the new ideas being used Tuesday.

By adding new resources like the live chat and reporting via iChat, it gives WTV an opportunity to get the election results out to viewers at a faster pace.

Make sure to tune in to WTV's live coverage, whether it be on TV or online at www.WartburgTV.org.

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Think before you drink

BRITTANY FEAGANS PHOTO EDITOR

October means different things to different people. For some, pumpkins, Halloween or the World Series signify October. For me, it's death.

I've lost two friends to October, two friends who should still be breathing. Both of their deaths were alcohol-related; both occurred during the last week of the month.

On Oct. 30, 2004, I heard on the news that a senior from my high school died. Never in my wildest dreams did I expect it to be Kelly. I had just seen her the day before at school. She was so full of life.

Kelly went to a party the night before her death. She consumed alcohol and drugs. She went to sleep that night not knowing she would never wake up.

Kelly asphyxiated on her own vomit; the drugs prevented her from waking up in time.

Halloween was different that year. Visions of death haunted me everywhere I turned.

Seeing the coffin decorations and the ghoulish costumes made me feel sick. Kelly was dead and her ghost was not a costume.

Fast forward three years and I'd find myself in a similar situation. A friend came to me Oct. 29 last year, his eyes filled with concern.

"Brad's been missing for two days...something bad must have happened," he said.

Soon after our conversation,

the news was confirmed—Brad's car and body had been found. His vehicle left the roadway, went

airborne and landed upside down in a cornfield. He likely died on impact. The standing corn prevented the wreckage from being spotted sooner.

Before he transferred out of Wartburg his freshman year, Brad had developed a drinking habit. This habit, coupled with some bad choices, ended up killing him.

Brad was drinking the night of his death. Instead of crashing at a friend's house, Brad crashed his car as he drove home.

Besides the timing, there was another key similarity between the deaths of Brad and Kelly: they both died during national weeks promoting alcohol or drug awareness.

Kelly's death fell during Red Ribbon Week, while Brad died during Alcohol Awareness Week.

Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, drug and violence awareness campaign, aiming to prevent abusive behavior.

Red Ribbon Week generally occurs during the last full week of October, according to www.imdrifree.com.

Alcohol Awareness Week, on the other hand, is observed annu-

ally during the third full week of October.

As stated on its Web site, this campaign is designed to prevent alcohol abuse and impaired driving.

Alcohol Awareness Week educates college students on the consequences of alcohol use, while teaching how to drink responsibly.

I find it ironic that both of my friends died alcohol-related deaths during national weeks dedicated to the prevention of alcohol abuse. It's frustrating that these campaigns can help so many people, but couldn't reach out to Brad or Kelly.

We always hear about these tragedies on the news, but never think they could happen to us. It's amazing how ignorance can extinguish life in a flash.

With alcohol-related deaths on the rise, it's important to take these campaigns as more than just a grain of salt on your margarita glass.

According to the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week Web site, 300,000 of today's college students will eventually die of alcohol-related causes.

While social drinking can be a fun way to unwind with your friends, always remember the Bradys or Kellys in your life. Drinking doesn't have to end in tragedy.

Please think before you drink.

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My final (random) thoughts on election

ANDREW NOSTVICK OP/ED EDITOR

Before you go to the election polls Tuesday, I have a few random thoughts I'd like to get off my chest in regards to the election.

Point 1: This really has been a long election season

Cable television news stations started talking about the '08 Presidential election the very day after the '06 Midterm elections.

There were a countless number of debates, forums, town hall meetings, box socials, raves, etc, that all the candidates took part in.

Point 2: People like Ron Paul

I can't speak for you, but I think Ron Paul is the man! The former Libertarian candidate ran for president as a Republican.

Paul became a pop-culture fixture in the Republican race.

People had the "Ron Paul Fever." Kids were doing the "Ron Paul Dance" in schools all across America. "Ron Paul-O's" made a return to grocery store shelves. I'm exaggerating a little, but I think you get the point.

If only he would have been a third party candidate. Who knows how much of an impact Paul would have on the '08 election.

Point 3: The ads were crazy, weren't they?

If you're like me, you wanted to smash the TV every time a political advertisement would come on

the air. Is that an ad for AFLAC? No it's another McCain ad.

During the Olympics, McCain unleashed his "Not Ready to Lead" ads, which attacked Obama on many issues. If he really wanted to stick it to Obama, he should have led with this:

"Barack Obama has plans to fix the economy, but he still has overdue library fees. Is this the kind of person you want as president?"

Point 4: I'm not answering the phone at 3 a.m.

If the red phone rings at 3 a.m., would you pick it up? Personally, I would say no. The emergency crisis overseas has to wait until I get up at 10 or 11 a.m.

Point 5: The Obama infomercial

If you're like me, then you probably watched the Obama infomercial that took over several stations last week.

Was anybody really hoping that we'd get a look at the "Ready for Change" blower? It would cost \$19.99 for all Americans with an income of less than \$250,000.

Point 6: Sarah Palin...eh?

I give McCain credit, he really pulled the square out of the circle on the Palin pick. Palin did a great job energizing the Republican base. She got people to pay attention to the McCain campaign.

Could she be a force to be reckoned with in the future? I doubt it would happen. Not when she sounds like the long lost sister of Bob and Doug McKenzie.

Point 7: Joe the Plumber sings

When was the last time you saw a plumber be famous for something

besides jumping on Goombas and Koopa Troopas?

Joe the Plumber has been mentioned a lot by the McCain campaign.

According to Politico, Joe the Plumber could be signed on by a major record label. Does this mean his first song will be called "I'm not in love with Obama?"

Point 8: What's with the map crap?

This election's hot new thing is the electoral map. Sites like CNN.com, Yahoo, Real Clear Politics and others have electoral maps.

You too can play political analyst. You can decide the undecideds, give California to the Republicans, give Georgia to the Democrats, give Western Europe to Eastern Europe, etc.

Point 9: A quick random fact about the election

The election is always on the first Tuesday AFTER the first Monday in November.

Point 10: Vote darn it!

This point was stated in an editorial in the Trumpet a month ago.

It's an important election. If you're registered to vote, then you should make a concerted effort. If you aren't registered, you can still do it the day of.

If you vote for Obama, hey very cool. If you vote for McCain, hey very cool. The coolest thing you've done is vote.

I voted a month early. It was painless. You will find the process to be painless too.

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Members of the Fall Break service trip to Oskaloosa gather inside the Habitat for Humanity house that they worked in.

Students live out the year of mission over break



Ben Brannaman (left) and Ryan Peddy work on the floor of a flood-ravaged house in Cedar Rapids over Fall Break.



Above: Cedar Rapids' trip advisor MaryBeth Koberna works inside a house damaged by the summer flooding on Fall Break.

Below: Members of the Cedar Rapids trip pose for a photo outside the flood-damaged house they worked on during Fall Break. Members of AmeriCorps that worked with the Wartburg group are also pictured.



Chelsea Josephson (on stepladder), David Laughlin and Katie Friedline hang drywall inside a Habitat for Humanity house in Oskaloosa.

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Maldonado expresses self, shares talent through graffiti art

ARELLA SWAN STAFF WRITER

The can shakes erratically and a mist of paint leaves the nozzle and hits the canvas, leaving a splash of colors that tells a story.

As an expressive art, graffiti holds a negative connotation but can be a positive form of art, Wartburg student Nate Maldonado said.

Incorporating his childhood in San Bernardino, Calif. into his artwork, Maldonado is studying art and communication design with a business administration minor.

"Graffiti art is not vandalism," Maldonado said.

His love for graffiti started when he was a middle school student in California and continued to flourish as he attended high school.

Maldonado did not take his talent seriously and kept it as a hobby. "I was in a graffiti crew at 18 and 19 and we did a lot of murals," he said.

Throughout his high school career, Maldonado took many art classes but did not consider art as a potential career.

"A lot of teachers encouraged me to apply and look at art schools in Chicago, but I wasn't interested," Maldonado said.

He said he just wanted to express his feelings through his artwork and it happened that his paint of choice was spray paint.

Before college, Maldonado was not sure what he wanted

to do with his life. While attending Wartburg, he has had unique opportunities to share his gift with students and the community.

Black Student Union, Martin Luther King Week planning committee and Mosaico Latino have all asked Maldonado to create original artwork that represents each of their organizations. His most recent project is adding an artistic touch to The Hub in the Saemann Student

Center.

The Hub is currently being remodeled and will feature four original paintings created by Maldonado.

Each painting represents one of the four pillars of Wartburg's mission statement: leadership, faith, service and learning.

"I believe his artwork not only catches people's attention, but draws them in to learn more about the mission statement," Travis Bockenstedt, student body

president, said.

Maldonado said he was hesitant about the project when Bockenstedt first approached him.

"I wasn't really interested at first but after talking to Travis over the summer, I agreed," Maldonado said.

One of Bockenstedt's goals for Student Senate this year is to transform The Hub into a comfortable place on campus for students to spend their time.

Bockenstedt wanted



Arella Swan/TRUMPET

Nate Maldonado paints a graffiti mural for The Hub recently. Several organizations have asked him to create graffiti artwork for them. His love for graffiti, which began in middle school, helped him decide to study art at Wartburg.

Maldonado to create a painting for The Hub that would represent the Big Six organizations: Entertainment ToKnight, Student Senate, Volunteer Action Center, Black Student Union, Campus Ministry and International Club.

"I knew Nate was a very talented artist and thought he would do a great job creating some artwork for The Hub," Bockenstedt said.

Maldonado's idea was to create a picture story, in which each piece of art tells a story about how all the pillars are intertwined.

Maldonado said that each of the individual paintings represents one of the four pillars of Wartburg's mission statement. Together, the four paintings demonstrate how each pillar is connected to the others.

Maldonado said the paintings depict how faith is needed to get through struggles, leadership to take on struggles, service to make a difference and learning to understand service.

"Nathan's representation of the mission statement is a testament of how each student sees it differently," Bockenstedt said.

Maldonado said he has learned a lot through this art form.

"I've learned a lot about myself. It shows that you can make the world better," Maldonado said.

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'Freshman fifteen' a concern for college students

Although tough, first-years try to make healthy choices for campus dining

KAILEE PARMAN GUEST WRITER

The new freedoms and responsibilities of college can be overwhelming to college freshmen. The transition from home-cooked meals to meals made by the dozens makes it difficult for incoming students to make healthy food choices. This is when the dreaded "freshman 15" comes into play.

The freshman 15, the number of pounds college students supposedly gain during their first year of college, is a problem for many college freshmen.

Sarah Blevins, a first-year, said it is not easy to manage a healthy lifestyle in college.

"It is very difficult because you have to work to find time to exercise and find some way to be educated on what you should and shouldn't eat on your own," Blevins said.

"At home I had a very set diet. I could cook my own food and I knew what ingredients went into everything I ate. Now it's hard to nourish my body the right way

because I don't know what goes into the food in the Mensa," Blevins said.

According to "Studies: College Kids Continue Gaining Pounds," the majority of weight gain happens during the first semester.

According to the article, although this phenomenon is called the freshman 15, most students only gain about four to seven pounds during their first year of college.

"No one knows why, but the researchers are continuing their study to try to find out. Possible explanations include more drinking (alcohol contains calories), more socializing that involves eating, high-fat foods in dorm cafeterias and less physical activity," according to the article.

Eric Keller, a lifetime wellness instructor at Wartburg, said making healthy choices in college can be difficult.

"Going to college adds the peer pressure of drinking, especially when freshmen can get into the

bars legally here. While there are some drinks that are worse than others, all alcohol has empty calories," Keller said. "The more you drink, the greater the chances of putting on some of that freshman 15—not counting the pizza, greasy cheeseburgers and other late-night food."

Dawn Wiegmann, director of wellness and health promotion at Wartburg, said it is very difficult for incoming college students to adjust to making healthy choices in college, but it can be done by doing simple things to adapt to living the college life.

"To get healthier, everyone should do a food journal every so often just to stay on track. When you write things down, it really hits home with you. When you see you have eaten badly all day, it may start making sense to you," Wiegmann said.

"A person has to believe and buy into the food thing and really take it to heart before they see that what they are really eating is full of fat and

empty calories," Wiegmann said.

Many high school students do not have the time or need to exercise. With six hours of class and extracurricular activities, most high school students do not need to worry about healthy choices and physical activities because parents and faculty guide them, according to the article.

In college, students must take full responsibility for themselves. According to "Expanding Minds and Waistlines; Freshman Students Will Have More to Deal With Than Just Grades and the Social Scene in Their First Year on Their Own," students struggle to make healthy choices on their own and gain weight during college.

"The freshman period is a time where kids are starting to live on their own, and the decisions they make during this critical time set the tone for the future," according to the article.

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roadtrip nation



Amanda Gahler/TRUMPET

Roadtrip Nation employees Sarah Burlingham, Tim Thompson, Scott Wandzilak and Heather Larrabee visited Wartburg on Wednesday to talk to students about the program, which helps participants realize what they want to do in life. They have been traveling across the U.S. in their green RV to spread awareness of Roadtrip Nation.

Roadtrip Nation visits Wartburg

MAC SLAVIN SPORTS EDITOR

Sitting in a Home Depot parking lot in Austin, Texas, armed with a caulking gun and a few other supplies, a group of strangers tried to fix the roof of their large green RV. The group was a team traveling from Los Angeles to Boston with nothing but their RV and a film crew to document the happenings of their trip.

While struggling in the parking lot, several people approached the team, but one group member stuck out.

"He ended up being a really interesting guy and ended up being our tour guide for the next couple days when we were in Austin," team member Sarah Burlingham said during a stop at Wartburg last week. "He was known as the soup peddler, and he delivered soup to people on his bike."

Burlingham, along with her team consisting of Heather Larrabee, Tim Thompson and Scott Wandzilak, pulled out their cameras and interviewed the man. The interview was for a project the team is working on called Roadtrip Nation. Sponsored by PBS and State Farm, the group set out on a road trip across the country to educate people about Roadtrip Nation's purpose, to help people find out what they want to do in lives.

The group travels around the U.S. to promote the television show, which is about groups of students who interview people about how they made it to where they are today. These interviews are for the crew to better understand where they want to go in their life.

Interviews have ranged from comedians to musicians to a producer from Saturday Night Live. One of the founders of Starbucks was also interviewed along the way.

The four strangers participating in the trip are from completely different backgrounds.

Burlingham and Wandzilak saw an advertisement on Craigslist, while Larrabee and Thompson met one of the supervisors of Roadtrip Nation. The four applied and are now touring the country in a large green RV. The RV serves as the group's home.

"We are doing everything from sleeping in 20 degree Wal-Mart parking lots to scrapping together places to shower," Wandzilak said.

Since the crew travels in a unique vehicle, they attract a lot of attention.

"It's cool and some people are brave enough to come up to the RV and see what we are

about," Burlingham said. "Others think we are kind of sketchy, but we usually get a pretty positive response."

The group was at Wartburg to encourage people to apply for the organization's two types of road trips. The first is the national trip, which involves a six to eight week journey in the RV. The second trip, the Indie trip, involves people going on a mini-trip in their own vehicle.

"I personally don't see why you wouldn't do the behind the wheel if you have the time during the summer," Burlingham said. "It's everything encapsulated in one—you get to travel in a green RV, you have a film crew to document it, it's six weeks long and everything's funded; it's everything you could ask for in a cool summer trip."

"However, not everyone has the luxury of having six weeks in the summer or some people don't want to go for that long. That's where our Indie Trips come in handy," Burlingham said.

The Indie trips are no longer than two weeks. The group gets funding from Roadtrip Nation but travels where they choose and provides their own transportation.

"The people we've met and the conversations we have had in the RV were great, because what we are talking about all the time is what we want to do when we get back. And it's huge because it's kind of like this crisis for all of us right now," Thompson said. "It's like, what are we going to do with the rest of our lives?"

Larrabee and Thompson both agree that this trip was needed to help jump start something new in their lives.

"I could have stayed at my job for however long I wanted to and not explored any other jobs at all, but this was totally worth it," Larrabee said. "I finally got to see fall; we don't have fall where I'm from [California]."

The group is making its way across the northern half of the country and is now en route to Seattle, the final destination.

After the trip the group will go on with their lives, carrying with them what they have learned along the way.

"I get to see 70 percent of the country in six weeks and talk with people throughout different cultures," Wandzilak said. "It's such a unique experience and something I'll never forget."

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Web site Review

<http://www.pandora.com>

Pandora unleashes musical discovery

TEALA KRAPFL STAFF WRITER

If you enjoy discovering new music at the tip of your fingers, you might want to give Pandora.com a try. A friend recently introduced me to the Web site and I've been hooked ever since.

The site, which gets its name from ancient Greek mythology, (Pandora received gifts from the Greek gods, one being music, and was also very curious) is easy to use and fairly addicting. Once your mind is opened to other musical possibilities it leaves you wanting more.

Pandora introduces you to artists—some you may have heard of, some you may not—that share a similar quality as those you have already grown to love. It's mission? "To play music you'll love – and nothing else," the Web site states.

All you have to do is type in an artist or song and before you know it, you have an entire radio station at the comfort of your own computer.

Let's say an artist you have been listening to a lot lately is Aerosmith. Just type in the band's name and Pandora will play songs by the band, as well as other bands with related sounds, such as The Eagles and Tom Petty.

If you really dig Katy Perry's song "I Kissed a Girl," Pandora will play similar songs such as "She Will be Loved" by Maroon 5 and "Since You've Been Gone" by Kelly Clarkson.

I really like Pandora because it has introduced me to a lot of artists I had never heard of before, but really enjoy. It's obvious the Web site has taken its time to create compatible music stations. It states, "We believe in the value of music and have a profound respect for those who create it."

That the site is so dedicated to creating stations that really work together musically is very respectable. Since 2000, Pandora has been working on the "Music Genome Project" in which its team of "musician-analysts" listens to and studies music, recording "literally hundreds of musical details in every song."

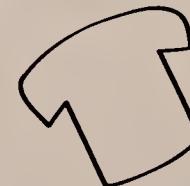
The only downfall: because you will be receiving the music for free and all the complications of legal rights of music licenses, you can't rewind a song or listen to a particular song on demand.

I give Pandora 4.5 out of 5 stars.



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SETH DRURY ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Typically in football, a player who is anywhere from 6 feet 2 inches and taller and weighs within the range of 215-225 pounds would play on the line or start at linebacker. Introducing, Marcus Hemesath and Jason Lansing. Hemesath stands at 6 feet 6 inches and weighs in at 215 pounds, while Lansing is 6 feet 3 inches and 220 pounds. These two are the Knights' starting safeties, Lansing at strong safety and Hemesath at free safety.

Both seniors, Lansing from West Union and Hemesath from Norway, have been playing their positions for years.

"Ever since I was little I've played safety. I played linebacker in seventh grade for a while but ever since then, all through high school, I played safety," Lansing said.

Hemesath added, "Since high school I've played safety; it's something everyone thought was weird. In high school, coach put me back there because of my height and I could run well and break up some passes."

It is a little weird to see the two tallest guys on the defense playing safety but it is something that has worked well for head coach Rick Willis and his defense.

"Both Jason and Marcus have done a great job for us; they fit well into our scheme no matter their height. We are very fortunate to have two players of that caliber

back there in two very big positions. But it has to be somewhat intimidating to match-up against them," Willis said.

Opposing coaches and players do get intimidated, or are at least surprised, to see these two line up at safety.

"Sometimes I get a comment from an opposing coach saying, 'geesh we weren't expecting to have someone like you back there to compete with.' I think people around here have gotten used to it," Hemesath said.

Although they are similar in size, each player's style of play is very different. Lansing, playing strong safety, often plays hard on the line, almost as a linebacker would.

"Jason is the more physical player, although I don't know if I like that," Hemesath said. "The way that he plays makes my job easier because he makes receivers scared to catch the ball. When I go in to pick off a pass or break up a play it's easier because they are too worried about getting licked by Jason."

Hemesath, playing free safety, drops back in deep coverage, keeping everything in front of him.

"Marcus does a better job of covering receivers down and making a play on the ball," Lansing said. "I am kind

of more of a head-hunter and looking for a big hit. As you can see I don't have any interceptions this year and he has three or four so you can kind of judge it by that."

Their differences in style is something that has strengthened the Wartburg defense, especially its defensive secondary. Wartburg leads the Iowa Conference in interceptions, taking away 16 so far this year. Hemesath has been a great help to this by picking off four, good enough for second in the conference and first for the Knights.

Lansing does his fair share too; he leads the Knights in tackles with 84. His 9.3 average per game is good enough for sixth in the conference.

Lansing and Hemesath agree about their favorite part of the game, at least where it takes place.

"Picking off balls over the middle is the best. Getting a chance to make a big play and help out the team," Hemesath said. But once again Lansing's hard-hitting mentality comes through when he shares his favorite part about the safety position.

"When other teams are throwing balls across the middle and you get to hit a guy and they aren't looking at you," Lansing said. "It gives you a rush like no other in football."

Soccer's Wizard of Oswald

MAC SLAVIN SPORTS EDITOR

Almost every senior athlete wants to have a memorable season and that is what women's soccer player Rachel Oswald is doing.

"I just want to have a great senior year. These are the last collegiate games I'll get to play in and I hope to make the most of them," she said.

The senior from Dubuque is definitely making the most of her senior season, breaking records left and right. She currently holds the Knights' record for most career goals, most career points and most career shots in a season.

"At Wartburg, I feel like each girl I've played with has influenced me in some way. My coaches have also played a big role in the success I've had so far. Outside of Wartburg, my family has always supported me. My sister especially has always had a big influence on my soccer career; we played together quite a bit growing up," she said.

After breaking records and helping the Knights to a record-breaking season in 2007, Oswald still manages to stay modest. She said breaking records is not an individual goal of hers. She is more focused on her team and would rather the team do well than her individually.

"Rachel is a person that doesn't want the attention put on herself, she would rather her accomplishments be recognized as a team effort," head coach T.J. Buchholz said. "I think this speaks volumes for who Rachel is as a selfless person. She is a very humble person off the field."

Oswald is definitely a team player, helping the Knights to an undefeated conference record and the Knights' first regular season conference title.

"Rachel plays for the passion of the game," former head coach Jim Conlon said. "I am confident she was focused on winning a team IIAC title, not individual records. Each goal she scores is a reflection of her team's effort and she just does her part."

Oswald's goal this season is to go far into the NCAA tournament. Last year the Knights made their first appearance in the tournament, making it all the way to the Sweet 16 before being eliminated from competition.

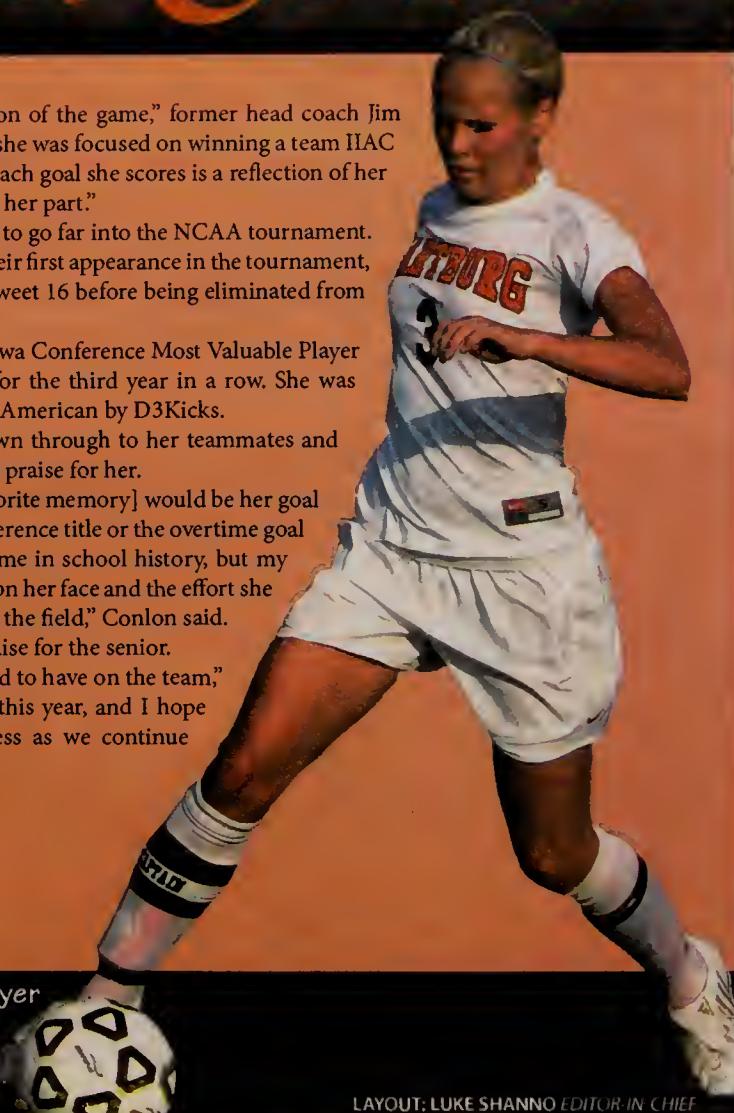
Last year she was named Iowa Conference Most Valuable Player and named All-Conference for the third year in a row. She was also named second-team All-American by D3Kicks.

Oswald's modesty has shown through to her teammates and her coaches have nothing but praise for her.

"Some would say [their favorite memory] would be her goal against Loras to take the conference title or the overtime goal to beat Luther for the first time in school history, but my favorite memory is the smile on her face and the effort she conveys each day we were on the field," Conlon said.

Buchholz had the same praise for the senior.

"Rachel is someone I'm glad to have on the team," he said. "She's playing great this year, and I hope she continues to have success as we continue with our season."



Most Career Shots

2007 Iowa Conference Women's Most Valuable Player

Most Career Goals

3 Time All-Conference Selection

Most Career Points

2007 D3-Kicks 2nd Team All-American

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SPORTS

Knights top Norse

AL STRAIN STAFF WRITER

The Wartburg volleyball team brought home a 3-1 win over rival Luther Tuesday, after a 0-3 loss to Simpson the previous week.

As if this rivalry game was not enough of a reason to attend for fans, it was also "Dig Pink Night" in support of Breast Cancer awareness.

The Knights were on the war-path from the opening serve, and took the game in four sets, moving their record to 3-4 in IIAC play and dropping Luther to 3-4 as well.

Wartburg came out with a lot of energy in the first set and maintained a solid lead throughout. They took the first set 25-17.

Luther came back from being down five points to tie the Knights at 13 in the second set. Sophie Swift slammed home the final kill for the Knights, giving them the 26-24 win.

"We fought, and that's something that we've been working on over the last few weeks," head coach Walker said. "Battling back and getting that 26-24 win was huge."

In set three Luther got back into the match, playing with a lead early in the set. Luther halted a comeback by the Knights late in the set, giving them the 25-23 victory.

The Knights were in control in the second half of the fourth set and would take the final by a 25-19 score.

Walker acknowledged that it was an important victory.

"We had to get this win to get into the conference tournament," Walker said.

The Knights were led by Lindsay Schneider, who had 30 kills. Kelsey Steffens added 18 while Lindsay Greiner gave the Knights 51 set assists.

Luther was led by Emily Cory and Tiffany Kruse, who had 16 and six kills respectively.

The Knights will host Dubuque Tuesday with the match set to start at 7:30 p.m.

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Knights to begin season without Djoumessi

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The Wartburg wrestling team will open the 2008 season as the defending NCAA Div. III champions and IIAC champions, but will do so without one of their top wrestlers.

Defending national champion Romeo Djoumessi (184 lbs.), had a scope on his right knee on Oct. 14. Djoumessi said he chose to get the scope.

He also has issues with his left knee, but said he plans to hold off until the end of the season.

"It's really tough because you want to be a part of the team. You want to be out there, competing with the team," Djoumessi said.

Head coach Jim Miller is not concerned about the knee injuries and said Djoumessi should be ready to go by Dec. 1.

"He will work very hard to be ready when he gets back so I am not worried and I do not expect him to struggle when he returns," Miller said.

Djoumessi said he is spending time on an exercise bike and hopes to start wrestling drills soon.

"When you love something, it's really hard to sit on that bike and watch practice," he said. "Every day I have to remind myself to be patient."

The other possibility for the 184 slot would be freshman Ben Scott, who Miller said is doing a good job. Miller also said they could move up someone from 174.



Andrew Nostvick/TRUMPET

Nick Shandri grapples with former Knight T.J. Miller as the Knights prepare for their first meet on Saturday.

Team raises awareness

PAM RODGERS STAFF WRITER

Wartburg's volleyball team geared up in their pink socks Oct. 28 to beat Luther and to raise awareness for breast cancer.

The team used its match against Luther to declare Dig Pink Day as a fundraiser through the Side-Out Foundation.

The day was not about money. The Dig Pink Event was to make more information about breast cancer available to women.

"I thought that the night was a great success. We had a great turn-out of fans, many wore pink, announced facts on breast cancer during the timeouts and we even raised some money," head coach Jennifer Walker said. "The fundraising wasn't the main objective this year...awareness was the focus."

The volleyball team began the process before the game by sending weekly newsletters to parents, recruits, alumni and fans.

"I believe it is important for every woman to be aware of the risk factors for breast cancer and to take charge of our own health," Walker said.

Walker has a personal connection to the disease because her grandmother battled breast cancer. This helped her realize

how important events like Dig Pink are.

[My grandmother] survived many years after her diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer," Walker said.

The Side-Out Foundation has been hosting Dig Pink for the whole month of October at schools all over the country. To date, over 802 high schools and college volleyball teams have hosted a fundraiser. The event has brought in \$180,244.86 so far.

"I received information from the Side-Out Foundation about Dig Pink. It sounded like a positive and helpful event to add to our schedule. I was excited about the possibilities of the night," Walker said.

Waverly-Shell Rock's volleyball team participated in the event Oct. 7 and had great success. They raised \$1,362 more than their target amount.

The Knights also participated in NIACC's Dig Pink day earlier this month when they traveled to Mason City. The event was an even bigger success as they raised \$2,055, more than \$1,000 over NIACC's goal.

The Side-Out Foundation was established in 2004 and has worked with volleyball programs to raise money for breast cancer.

Dig Pink is just one of many events they have held.

According to their Web site, their mission is to allow more people to understand what the disease is and help those who have it get the best care possible in order for them to live their lives to the fullest.

This was Wartburg's first year participating in the event. Walker wants to make Dig Pink an annual event and go beyond raising awareness.

"I hope in future years we'll be able to make it a larger fundraiser for research and treatment of breast cancer," she said.

Other Wartburg sports will be hosting their own breast cancer awareness event this year, so other athletes will also get the chance to show their support for breast cancer awareness.

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SPORTS

Women finish undefeated in IIAC

MAC SLAVIN SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg women's soccer team did their part in Beat Luther week as they downed the Norse 4-2 in Decorah Saturday.

"Luther's always a good rival for us. There was some rivalry that led to some good competition," Rachel Coleman said.

The Norse started scoring off in the seventh minute after Anna Grinde scored an unassisted goal.

Chelsea Frye answered for the Knights in the 17th minute by turning a Katy Wendt pass into a goal to even the match at 1-1.

The Knights kept their momentum rolling with a Rachel Oswald goal in the 27th minute. Kelsey Balk answered just two minutes later, after taking a Jill Nerka pass and pushing it to the back of the net to even things up at 2-2.

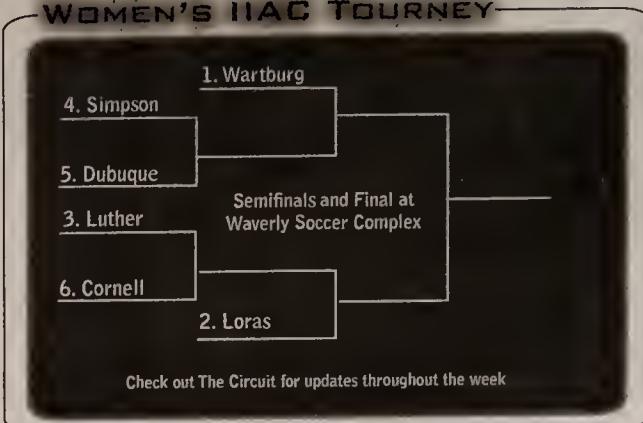
"The first half didn't go as well as we had wanted with them scoring two goals on us, wasn't what we had expected, but as a team we came together and got it done and we showed them how we came together and played as a team," Coleman said.

Frye started the scoring out in the second half, as she clinched the win for the Knights with an unassisted goal in the 58th minute. Wendt found the back of the net too, as she scored an unassisted 64th minute goal.

"We learned that we have to go out strong from the first minute to the last minute, rather than just playing the second half," Coleman said.

The Knights out shot the Norse 14-8. The win closed out the regular season for the Knights as

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they finished with an undefeated Iowa Conference record at 8-0-0.

An undefeated record has helped the Knights, secure the top spot in the conference tournament and home-field advantage throughout the entire tournament. The Knights will receive a first round bye, and will host the winner of the No. 4 Simpson and No. 5 University of Dubuque game Friday at the Waverly Soccer Complex.

"We just have to go out and play our game," Coleman said. "Conference tournament is different than regular season because teams that you don't expect to perform well do and being top of the pack, obviously we have a pretty big bull's-eye on our back and we need to make sure we don't change anything because what we've been doing all conference has been working for us."

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Men finish fifth overall

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time of 25:28 good for 29th, Jon Stover who ran a 25:29 finishing him in 30th. Joel Rasmussen who finished 36th with a time of 25:43, and finishing the men's top five was Ben Porter in 38th with a time of 25:49.

"I was really excited with how the men ran, but we are still a young team and if we had just another year of maturity I think we could have finished better, but I am pleased with how we ran," Johnson said.

The men finished fifth overall with 114 points, the team champs hailed from Luther College with 48 points.

The Knights will take a week off until they run at the regional meet at Grinnell on Nov. 11.

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Men finish conference play and gear up for post-season

MAC SLAVIN SPORTS EDITOR

Despite being outshot 8-15, the Wartburg men's soccer team clinched a spot in the IIAC tournament with their 1-0 win over Luther Saturday in Decorah.

"[Luther] had some good attempts in the first half, but in the second half, we pretty much shut them out," Eric Ruggles said.

Elvis Alicic scored the only goal of the game in the 12th minute, unassisted.

Trent Michael was in the net for the Knights and made eight saves in his seventh shutout of the season.



Elvis Alicic

"We played well, we played a full 90 minute game opposed to games we've played in the past where we've had let downs, it was a good shutout however we wish we would have put a few more in the back of the net," Ruggles said.

The win brought the Knights' final conference record to 5-3-0, clinching a spot in the IIAC tournament.

The Knights clinched the third seed and will host a re-match against Luther Tuesday. Game time is still yet to be announced, check out The Circuit for more information regarding conference tournament match-ups.

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Four Stooges Football Predictions

Austin "Get Rowdy" Draude KWAR Sports	Seth "The Judge and Drury WTW8 Sports	Nikki "No-Nonsense" Newbraugh WTW8 Sports	Mac "McLovin" Slavin Trumpet Sports

Standings

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|----------------|-------------|
| 1. "The Judge" | 25-4 (4-0) |
| 2. "NoNo" | 21-8 (3-1) |
| T-2. "McLovin" | 21-8 (4-0) |
| 4. "Rowdy" | 16-13 (4-0) |

Dominant Big 12 full of future NFL playmakers

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QB, Baron Batch and Shannon Woods leading the ground attack, and Michael Crabtree and Detron Lewis are the two top receivers.

The Cowboys from Oklahoma State are lead by Zac Robinson at quarterback, Kendall Hunter in the backfield, and Dez Bryant at the receiving position.

The Missouri Tigers have returning Heisman Trophy candidate, Chase Daniel. Derrick Washington leads the way at the running back position and Jeremy Maclin and Chase Coffman are neck-in-neck in the receiving department.

Three of the top five quarterbacks with the most pass yards are from the Big 12.

The top quarterback in pass yards in the nation is Graham Harrell of Texas Tech with 3,621 yards. Sam Bradford is second with 3,086 yards and Chase Daniel is fourth with 2,993 passing yards.

Bradford is first in passing touchdowns with 34, Harrell is third with 30, Daniel is seventh with 26, and McCoy is in ninth with 23. Thus, it is evident that the Big 12 has among the top quarterbacks in the nation.

The exceptional quarterbacks in the Big 12 lead the way as three out of the top five teams in passing yards per game and the top team is Texas Tech with 424.6 yards per game, Oklahoma second with 358.9, and Missouri third with 358.3 yards.

Bryant of Oklahoma State is second in the nation in receiving yards with 1,054, Crabtree is fifth with 921, and Brandon Banks of Kansas State eighth with 883 receiving yards. Also, Hunter from the Cowboys is fourth in rushing yards with 1,220.

Bryant is also second in the country with 17 total touchdowns; Crabtree of the Red Raiders is fourth with 15 touchdowns. According to the statistics, the Big 12 has a number of offensive weapons in the quarterback, running back, and receiver positions.

Tight ends are significant to the teams' success as well and are known to come through with huge catches at crucial times.

Chase Coffman of Missouri is third in the nation in receiving yards for a tight end with 819. Jermain Gresham from Oklahoma is another key tight end with 519 receiving yards, which marks him seventh on the list.

With three weeks left to go in the season, Texas Tech still has to face No. 6 Oklahoma and No. 8 Oklahoma State. If the Red Raiders remain undefeated, they will have a good chance at a bid for the national championship game.

If they lose however, the Texas Longhorns, the Sooners, or the Cowboys may sneak in at the last minute.

We will have to wait and see how things pan out here towards the end of the season before we start making too many assumptions on who will go to the title game, but I could almost guarantee that a Big 12 team will be there.

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Friday - Women's Soccer v. Simpson/Dubuque winner @ 12 p.m.

Saturday - Wrestling @ U-W Stevens Point 9 a.m.
Football v. Dubuque @ 1:00 p.m.

Big plays lead to a Knights shutout win

SETH DRURY ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

A strong defensive effort led the Knights to their first shut-out win of the season as they held no remorse for the Norse winning 14-0 Saturday at Walston-Hoover Stadium.

The win improved the Knights overall record to 7-2 and 6-1 in the Iowa Conference. The win also gave them a 36-29-1 edge in the series versus Luther.

Luther drove to start the game, and after three first downs, Wartburg's defense finally forced a fourth-and-6 punt.

Josh Faaborg found a seam through the left side of the Luther line to block the kick which was recovered by Eddie Pruisner.

"We did a great job rigging something up to try and get me to go free and bust through and it hit right into my hands," Faaborg said.

The block set the Knights' offense up at the Luther 28-yard line. Three plays, 28 yards and one minute later, Wartburg was up 7-0 after a 12-yard pass from Nick Yordi to Justin Vetter.

"When you get the ball with that good of field position you have to capitalize on that, and we knew we had to; especially that early in the game. Right when we got the ball inside the 30 the offense was pumped up and we knew we were going to score," Vetter said.

Early in the second quarter, Luther drove to the Wartburg one-yard line to start a first-and-goal from the one. On the first play, Luther's quarterback, Chris Reynolds, drove forward only to be stuffed by the Wartburg defensive line. On second-and-goal from the one another QB sneak was stuffed after a minimal gain.

Third-and-goal from the half-yard line was unsuccessful for Luther again as Reynolds jumped the pile to hit a brick wall of the Wartburg defense.

"We just kept preaching to our D-line just bury in there and we will come in a clean-

up the rest. The linebackers and the safeties came over the top of them and we just kept pushing them back," Faaborg said.

After a timeout Luther threw a fourth-down pass that Faaborg broke up.

At half, Wartburg still led 7-0.

"Well their defensive schemes are different so how we attacked them was different. They force you to score on big plays which makes you a little less consistent than you would want to be, but I was really proud of the way we ran the football in the second half," head coach Rick Willis said.

Running the ball was the key for the Knights especially on their opening drive of the second half when they went 62 yards in 12 plays. Alex Boom put Wartburg up 14-0 when he ran in a touchdown from one-yard out.

A Spencer Herzberg field goal attempt from 36-yards out was blocked and gave Luther new life with 6:20 left in the fourth quarter.

The ensuing drive set up Reynolds and the Norse for a first-and-goal from the three-yard line.

Marcus Hemesath pulled the plug on the Norse, intercepting a fourth down pass at the one-yard line and took it to the house. The play was brought back for a block in the back on the interception return.

With 3:34 left in the game the Knights handed the game off to Lamar Harvey who carried seven times for 46 yards to close out the game.

"Our backs did a better job today and we created some things up front, and that's a good sign. Lamar ran very well and hard for us late in the game," Willis said.

Overall Harvey was the leading rusher with 16 carries for 95 yards. Yordi connected on 17 passes for 157 yards, 10 of those passes were caught by Vetter for 96 yards and one touchdown.

"We've been clicking the past few weeks but we are comfortable with each other and



Luke Shanno/TRUMPET

Rodney Stevenson bats down a pass from Chris Reynolds in the backfield against Luther.

Yordi has confidence in all his receivers that we can make plays because he knows we will go up and make a play if he puts the ball up there," Vetter said.

The Knights have one regular season game remaining on their schedule for the

2008 season. They will face the University of Dubuque Spartans at Walston-Hoover Stadium Saturday at 1 p.m.

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Cross brings home two titles

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The Wartburg cross country team brought home two titles as the women won the team portion of the IIAC Championship meet and Brian Chenoweth was the men's individual champion.

Anna Kraayenbrink came in first for the women.

Kraayenbrink finished second overall just behind first place finisher Mary Bridget Corken from Loras. Kraayenbrink finished with a time of 20:35.

The rest of the Knights' field finished close as the top five from the women's team all finished in the top eight of the field.

Emily VanOosbree finished fifth with a time of 21:18, Jennifer and Amanda Kuiken finished sixth and seventh with times of 21:22

and 21:25. Lori Tlach finished eighth in a time of 21:29.

The women came away with six all-conference members.

"The girls ran a great race,"



Brian Chenoweth

head coach Steve Johnson said. "It is great to be conference champions and to have such a great finish with our top five girls finishing in the top eight, and even with our sixth runner finishing 13th shows the depth we have."

The No. 2-ranked Wartburg

women were the conference champions with a score of 28 points followed by No. 30 Luther with 49 points for second place and in third place was Loras with a score of 90 points.

The women were not the only champions in the women's division. Johnson was named the IIAC women's cross country coach of the year for 2008.

The men had their own conference champion, not as a team but in their team captain Brian Chenoweth who won the individual title and was named the 2008 IIAC cross country most valuable performer. He ran the race in a time of 24:06.

The men's top five were rounded off by Nick Lee with a

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The "BIGgest" Conference



LUKE ULLESTAD
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The Big 12, especially the south division, is the strongest college football conference in the nation.

Five Big 12 teams appear in the top 25: No. 2 Texas Tech, No. 5 Texas, No. 6 Oklahoma, No. 8 Oklahoma State, and No. 13 Missouri.

Also, receiving the third most votes to be ranked are the Kansas Jayhawks, who have a record of 6-3.

The three teams that the Jayhawks lost to were ranked in the top 25: South Florida, Oklahoma and Texas Tech.

These five teams have excep-

tional quarterbacks, running backs and receivers. The Longhorns have Colt McCoy at quarterback, Chris Ogbonnaya in the backfield, and two standout receivers with Jordan Shipley and Quan Cosby.

The Sooner offensive play makers consist of Sam Bradford at quarterback, DeMarco Murray and Chris Brown at running back, and Juaquin Iglesias and Manuel Johnson at wide outs.

The Texas Tech Red Raiders have a handful of offensive threats with Graham Harrell at

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